



May 20, 2013

Mignon Clyburn
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Petition for Rulemaking of Globalstar, Inc. to Reform the Commission's Regulatory Framework for Terrestrial Use of the Big LEO MSS Band – RM-11685*

Dear Chairwoman Clyburn:

I am the Director of the Hospital Preparedness Program for Iroquois Healthcare Association which represents 53 hospitals and health systems in 31 counties of Upstate New York. Iroquois' Hospital Preparedness Program provides resources and leadership in support of healthcare preparedness and response capabilities. I am writing to you in support of Globalstar's petition for rulemaking requesting greater flexibility to provide terrestrial services.

Globalstar satellite phones provide an essential communication redundancy to most of our member hospitals. We have experienced emergency and disaster events where Globalstar satellite phones provided the only communication link hospitals had, and where Globalstar provided critical supplemental emergency voice and data communications when landline communications services were interrupted.

We encourage the Federal Communications Commission to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and ultimately grant Globalstar's requested relief so that our member hospitals may benefit from Globalstar's commitment to provide mobile satellite services free-of-charge in federally declared disaster areas.

Additionally, we support Globalstar's plans to substantially increase available mobile broadband capacity in the United States. As you know, hospitals have a critical need to transport an ever increasing amount of data in order to provide life-saving services to their patients. Globalstar has committed to provide free access points to hospitals so they can utilize its Terrestrial Low Power Service offering. We encourage the Commission to move forward with an NPRM on Globalstar's petition in order to bring these benefits to the member hospitals of Iroquois Healthcare Association, and the patients and communities they serve.

Sincerely,

Andrew T. Jewett